(d) and (e) During the last three years (1998-99 to 2000-01), in the State of Andhra Pradesh, two new oil fields namely Suryaraopetta in West Godavari District and Gopavaram in East Godavari District have been discovered.

Alloction of Gas to Gujarat

2371. DR. A.K.PATEL :

SHRI RAJU PARMAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present allocation and supply of on-shore and off-shore gas to consumers of Gujarat;

(b) whether there is any shortfall between allocation and supply; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to remove this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) (a) Currently, 10.2 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) and 13.4 MMSCMD of natural gas is allocated to various consumers on on-shore and off-shore respectively of Gujarat, against which the availability of gas is 4.0 MMSCMD and 11.0 MMSCMD respectively and the same is being supplied.

(b) Yes, Sir. Against the present total allocation of 10.2 MMSCMD and 13.4 MMSCMD of natural gas, the availability is 4.0 MMSCMD and 11.0 MMSCMD on on-shore and off-shore respectively.

(c) Apart from increasing the domestic availability through exploration and exploitation of gas fields, Government propose to import natural gas and liquefied natural gas to bridge the gap between demand and supply of gas.

Kerosene Depots in Manipur

2372. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kerosene depots opened in Manipur on Sub-division-wise basis;

(b) the steps taken up to rationalize the distribution of kerosene oil under PDS; and

(c) the basis taken by Government for allocation of kerosene oil on State-wise basis of the North East States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The Sub-Division-wise number of SKO-LDO dealerships in the State of Manipur is as under:-

Name of Sub-Division	Number of SKO-LDO Dealerships.
Imphal East	5
Jiribam	2
Imphal West-I	7
Imphal West-II	1
Bishnupur	1
Churachandpur	3
Chandel	1
Kangpokpi	2
Katching	3
Nungba	1
Moirang	1
Ukhrul	2
Thoubal	3
Thanlon	1
Tengnoupal	1
Tamenglong	1
TOTAL :	35

(b) Kerosene oil allocated to the States/Union Territories by the Central Government for distribution under the Public Distribution (PDS) is meant for

cooking and illumination. It is the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned to distribute it among needy people in a judicious manner.

(c) Allocation of kerosene oil to the States/Union Territories is made on historical basis. Any increase in allocation as compared the previous year is made by following the principle higher allocation to States/Union Territories with low per capita availability and vice-versa.

Petrol Pumps Selected by DSB-4 Bihar

†2373. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details alongwith the names, addresses and qualification of petrol pump distributors selected by Dealer Selection Board, Region-4 in Bihar for first, second and third spots in the panels for different plans;

(b) the names of places where complaints against selection have been received; and

(c) the details of enquiry being conducted by Government and the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) Interviews for eight locations in Bihar were conducted for selection of retail outlet dealers by the Dealer Selection Board (DSB), Patna-IV since 12-6-2000. The details of the selections made for these locations are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

Complaints were received by the concerned Oil Company against selections for four of the above locations, *viz.*, Kasba, Supal, Semri Bakhtiarpur and Saharsa Town. In accordance with the guidelines for selection of dealers/ distributors, these complaints were referred to the Chairman, DSB, Patna-IV for his directions/orders. He has decided that there is no merit in the complaints. Subsequently, Letters of Intent (LOIs) have been issued to the concerned dealers-select as per guidelines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.